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## Neenah-Menasha NOW Show

### Fox Valley Club Celebrates 25th Year

A pleasant mix of the historically very old, and the very new and beautiful awaits the numismatist attending this years NEENAH-MENASHA NOW convention, to be held at the Valley Inn, a stones throw from the Fox River in Wisconsin's only remaining twin city.

Hosted by the Fox Valley Coin Club of Appleton, this years NEENAH-MENASHA NOW will be situated in perhaps the most scenic setting of any show in the 18 year history of NOW conventions.

Historically, the twin cities date back to pre civil war, and tho the water power that spawned the city has been rebuilt many times in the past 115 years, the "Old" NEENAH-MENASHA is still evident along the banks of the stream. As for

the new, the Valley Inn is a beautiful new structure with 106 guest rooms, an excellent bourse and exhibit set up, and superb acoustics. Dealers and exhibitors will have easy access unloading, and the food service, including a popular Sunday brunch is rated as outstanding.

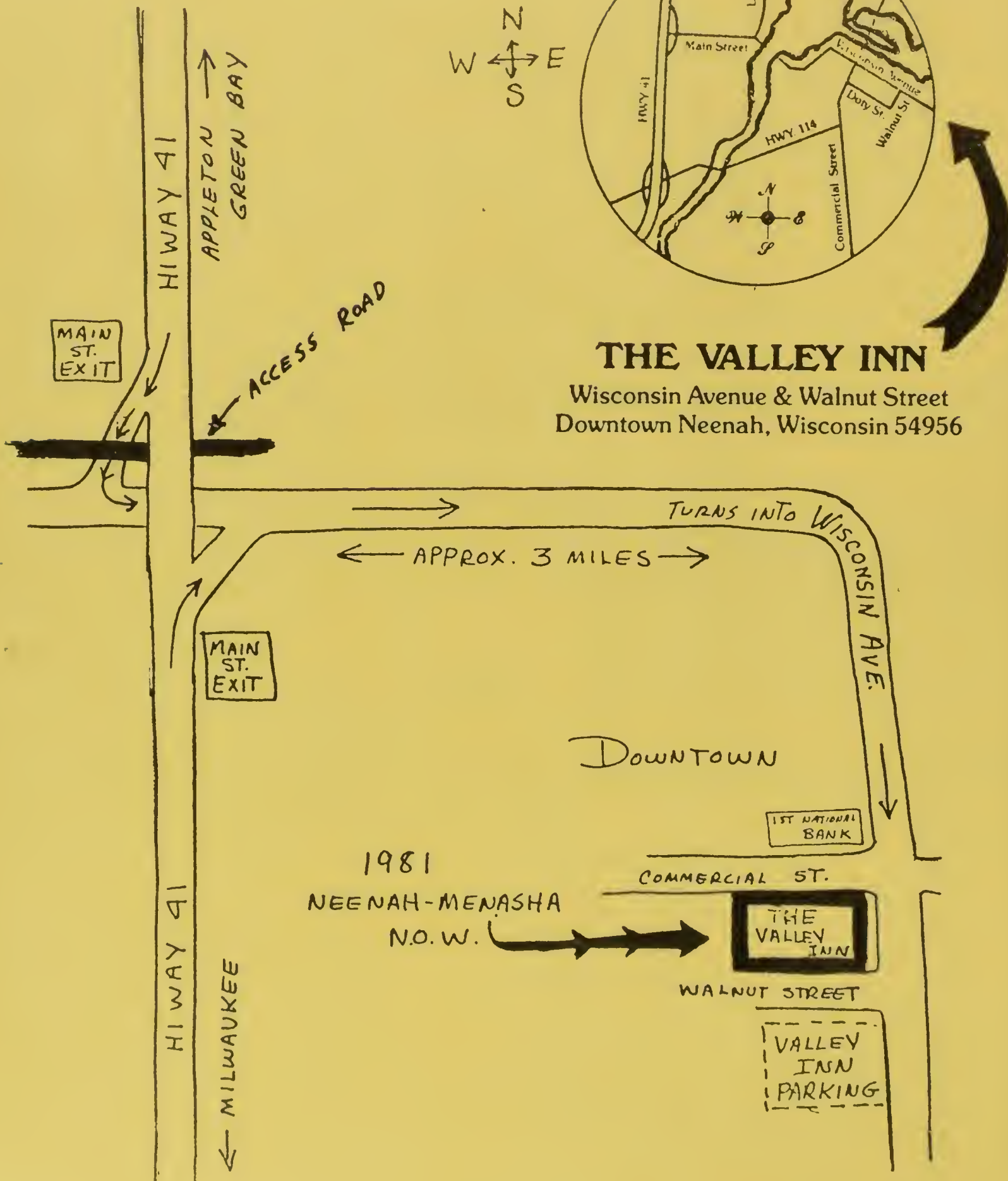
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# THE VALLEY INN





## ABOUT THE FOX VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Fox Valley Coin Club has a regional character that is unusual in Wisconsin Numismatics. The club now meets in Appleton, but members live as far away as Green Bay to the north, and as far south as Oshkosh. In the February issue of NUMISMATIC NEWS this short history appeared.



## *Clubs Mark 25th Year*

Early in 1956, the idea of establishing a local coin club became apparent to collectors in the Fox Valley Region of Wisconsin. In June of 1956 the first meeting of the Twin City Coin Club was held in Menasha with 10 members present. Among the early members are George Raisler, Jim Beyer, Kurt Gert, Emmett Decker, Clarence Kositske and Fred Voecks.

Meetings continued in member's homes until the group began to expand. It was then decided that the coin club would meet once a month and the location was moved to the Menasha Public Library.

In 1958 the Twin City Coin Club decided to draw from a larger area; consequently, the name of the club was changed to the Fox Valley Coin Club.

Meetings are now held twice a month at the Reetz Supper Club in Appleton. An annual dinner, usually occurring around the first of the year, is held in Combined Locks, Wis., at the Lox Club. Members pay

\$2.00 with the coin club paying the remaining cost. An annual picnic is also hosted by the club.

Since its inception in 1956, two Life Memberships have been awarded. Life Membership no.1 went to George Raisler. Elected treasurer in 1958, he held this post until his retirement in 1980. Alice Miller, Life Membership no.2, was elected Secretary in 1962 and held that post until her move to Las Vegas in 1980.

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Dick Anderson



REMEMBERED

By Gerald Johnson - WNWA

Water power! That was the name of the game in the Fox River Valley in the early 1850's, and the twin cities of Neenah and Menasha were founded on that basis. Water power was the key catalyst for the processing of grain into flour, logs into lumber, and hammer-mills to manufacture all kinds of heavy equipment for other commerce. Every fast running stream was "improved", mill ponds abounded, and communities were born.

By the time the Civil War began in 1861, the twin cities of Neenah and Menasha were firmly implanted on the river, and prosperous merchants were able to have tokens struck to use during the small change shortage that accompanied the conflict.

Though only 115 years old, Civil War token merchant information is hard to come by, often because records were lost in fires, and local newspapers were not developed to the extent of today's tabloids in the

recording of relatively minor local activity information.

Board member Dick Anderson, with the help of librarian friends, was able to come up with this information on the two merchant token.

CORAL MILLS

Menasha, Wisconsin

"Stood half way across the river, on the dam.

Was built by C. Northrup and for some years was occupied by him and others in small manufacturing, as rakes, ax handles, spokes, and finally was built over into a flouring mill and was run by various parties, perhaps longest by McCabe and Jones. It was last owned by Alex Syme and was torn down when his larger mill was taken down to build the new dam."

from: Souvenir booklet of the Menasha Press published for Menasha's 50th year of settlement.

The United States engineers took possession of the dam in the spring of 1882 and cut down the top eighteen inches below the average height of the old dam, replacing it with a set of movable flush boards eighteen inches high. There was a solid embankment on the north end of the dam from the Coral Mill (flour mill) which stood in midstream, to

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# *Welcome*

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Presidents Message

Now that the Spring Coin Show season is upon us again, I would like to urge all members to take an active part in promoting numismatics in Wisconsin.

Ask your local show committee chairman if he or she needs help. I am sure you will be greeted with a resounding yes. Putting on a coin show does not mean working only on the day of the show. There are many tasks that can and should be done before the show. If you think of a coin show as an event which has to compete with all the other events occurring on the day of the show, you will realize the great importance of publicity. Please do not neglect publicity, it can and does make the difference between having a successful show and a so-so show. Be sure to notify the local press, radio, television, and the numismatic press, such as Coin World, Numismatic News, The Numismatist, The Centinel, and NOW News. This should be done at least three months before your event. This time frame is used because of the various publication schedules.

Don't neglect the exhibit areas either. It is a nice touch to notify other clubs that you are having a show and invite their members to exhibit. Remember that exhibits just don't

happen, it takes someone to do the job of contacting clubs and known exhibitors to arrange for their appearance at your show. Also, you should realize that exhibiting is not a no cost item, therefore you should treat the exhibitors at least as well as you treat the bourse dealers. For example, if you supply table cloths and cases to dealers, you should extend the same courtesy to the exhibitor.

On the day of the show, you can lend a helping hand by showing up early to help with the setup of the show and the unloading of dealers and exhibitors. You could also stay after the show and help with the cleanup and loading of the dealers and exhibitors. You could also volunteer to help with the registration table. Remember the more people that volunteer and show up to work at the show, the better the show will be for everyone involved.

Remember, its your club. Volunteer today to help out with club activities. Also give your officers a helping hand and recruit a new member for your club today. Numismatics is still the best hobby in the world, and with your help, it can only get better.

Sincerely yours,

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# Nominations for N.O.W.

## Board of Governors

### Harold Collins - Schofield

Originator of the Allen Clark youth leadership award, active member of the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club of Wausau, operated Falls Coins in Menomonie Falls, Wisconsin before moving north. Member Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association, NOW local show data co-ordinator, and very active in NOW and local coin club activities.

### Gordon Gill - Madison

Co-founder of the Madison Coin Club, past NOW president, vice president and NOW board member, and member Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association. Long time supporter of Youth programs, veteran non-competitive exhibitor, and highly knowledgeable in numismatics. Very active in NOW and local coin club activities.

### Virgil Jackson - Beaver Dam

Numismatic Ambassador, veteran collector and numismatist winner of four Delores Stratton educational awards, nationally known for the excellence of his exhibits, past NOW board member, NOW exhibit rules committeeman, very active in NOW and local coin club activities.

### Leo Neidenger - Brookfield

Active member of South Shore (Milwaukee) and Waukesha Coin Clubs, past NOW board member, frequent general and exhibit chairman at local shows, co-chairman of the highly successful Waukesha NOW show. One of the finest exhibitors in Wisconsin Numismatic history. Very active in NOW and local coin club activities.

### H.S. "Monte" Sherwin Black River Falls

Veteran collector with national credentials in Crowns and paper money. Past president and board member of NOW, a fixture at both state and national conventions. Active in NOW and local coin club activities.

NOW officers receive no pay, but are rewarded by the confidence placed in them by the people who vote for them. The price of a stamp and a moments reflection and ballot marking will show these candidates that you care.



## Coral Mills (cont.)

the A. Syme flour mill, on the north bank of the river. This solid part of the dam closed off about 100 feet of the river from spilling over and was made so in 1857 by Mr. Henry Hewitt, Sr., from clay excavated from the canal. This dry embankment had been used as the north extention roadway of the village bridge over the river, and the city was now compelled to build a bridge over the gap. An injunction was served on the engineers by Mr. Alexander Syme, owner of both the Coral Mill and City Mill on the dam, as the changes in the dam would absolutely ruin his water power by which he ran these mills. The engineers proceeded to condemn his property, then removed these mills entirely and nothing remains to mark the spot of a fine 400-barrel roller flour mill and elevator but the bridge-tender shanty of Johnny Jones. The next year, under an act of Congress and an order of the War Department, a new dam was constructed the whole width of the river, 350 feet long, containing four 16-foot sluiceways with rolling gates, cut down to bedrock. The dam was laid just below the old dam.

from: Lawson - History  
of Winnebago County v. 1

NICOLET COIN CLUB

On Tuesday Jan. 13, 1981 the Nicolet Coin Club voted 21-0 in favor of new by-laws. It is hoped that the new by-laws can be a better guide to new club officers, and new club members. Actually, there is little that is new in the "new" by-laws. Most of the "dead wood" has been pruned out. Previous changes in the by-laws occurred in 1968, 1964, and 1960.

The new by-laws provide more flexibility by giving the board of governors control over club dues, code of ethics, and the Registered Agent required by state law. Ultimate authority remains vested in the membership.

The Nicolet Coin Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Neville Public Museum. The door opens at 7pm, and the business meeting starts at 7:30pm. Free admission. Visitors are always welcome.

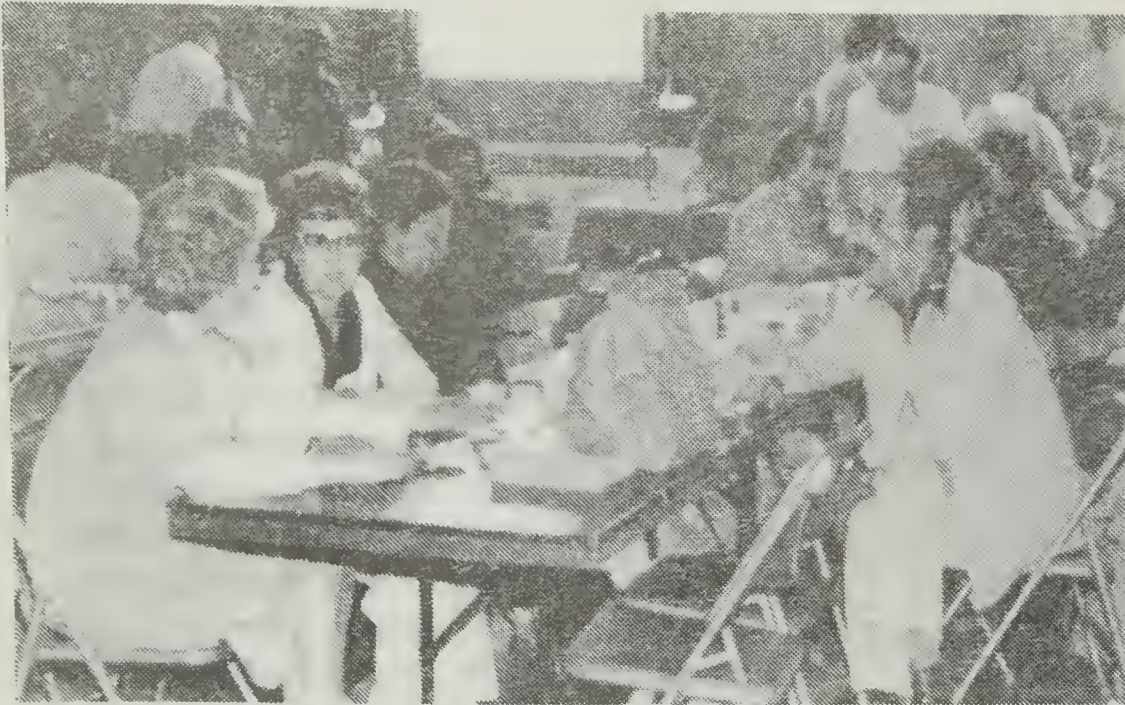
The club hopes to publish the new by-laws later this year, with each member to receive a copy.

Hank Theele

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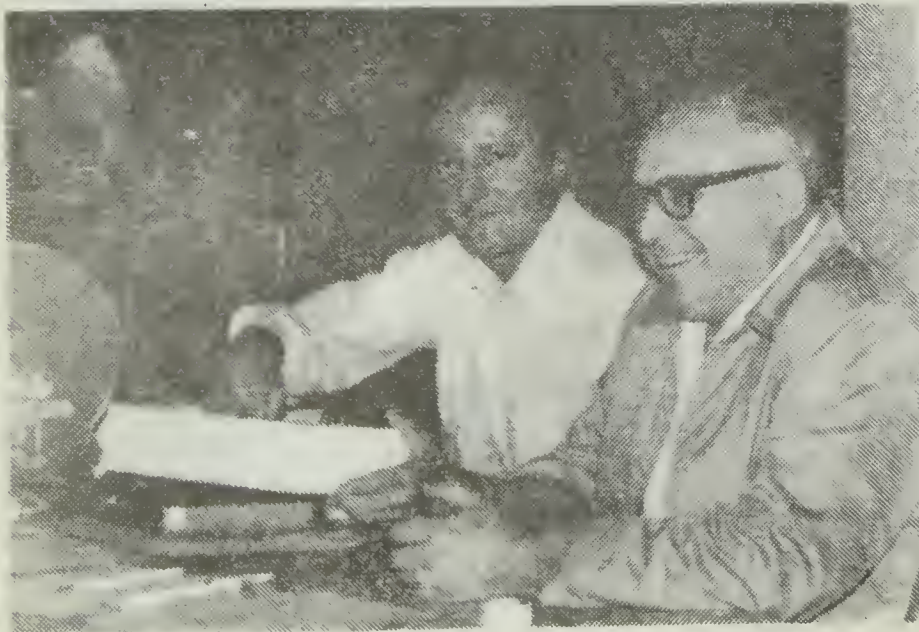
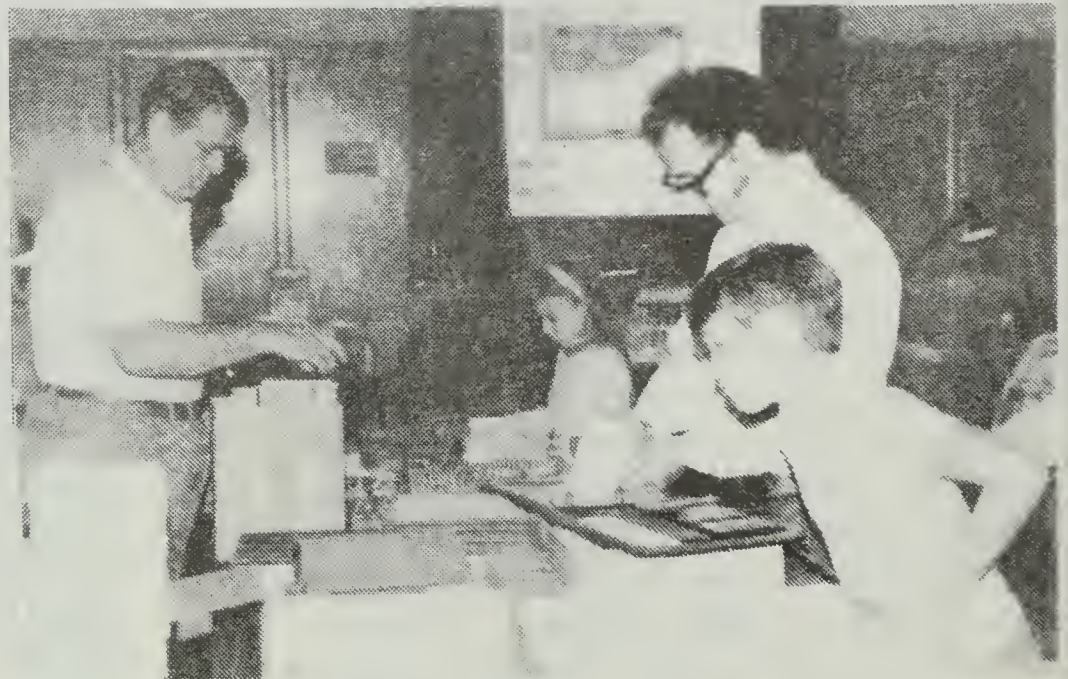
The 1982 NOW Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison May 15-16.





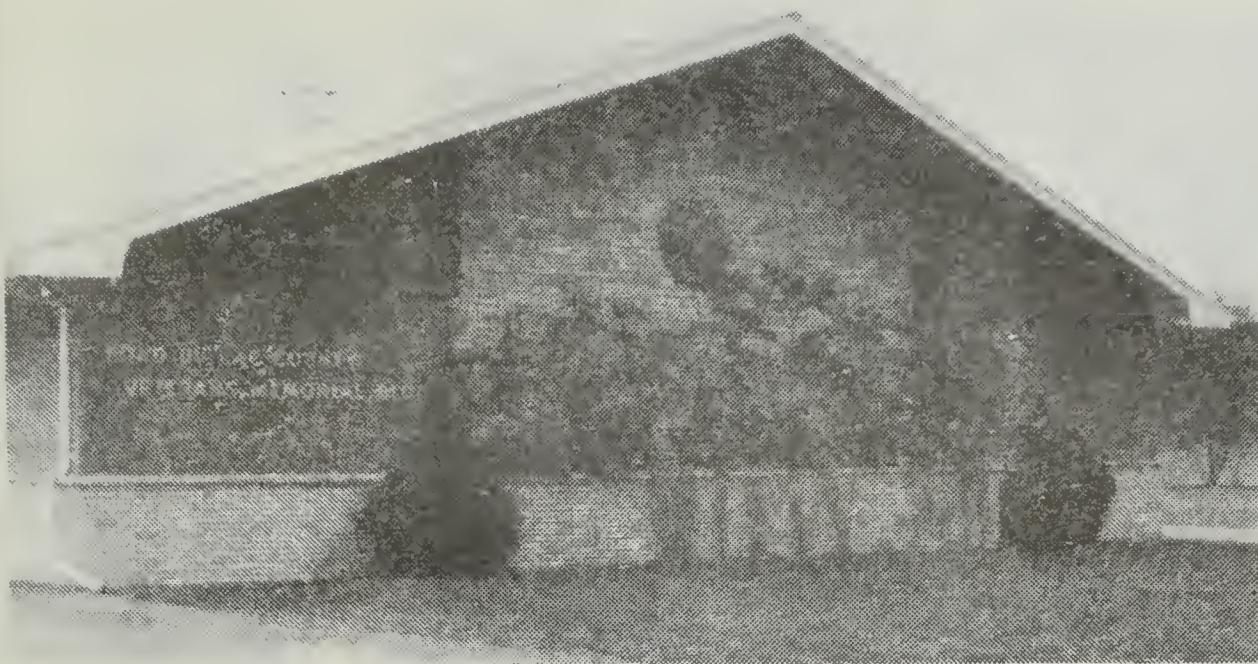
Baraboo show has chairs and tables to sit down around for chatting. Lots of other shows could use that!

NOW favorite Ralph Winquist at his supply table at Baraboo. Its like "moving every weekend", says Ralph!



Fond du Lac registration, thats "Happy Harry" Jarvis on the right-lost my notes-is that Rich Bartel on the left?

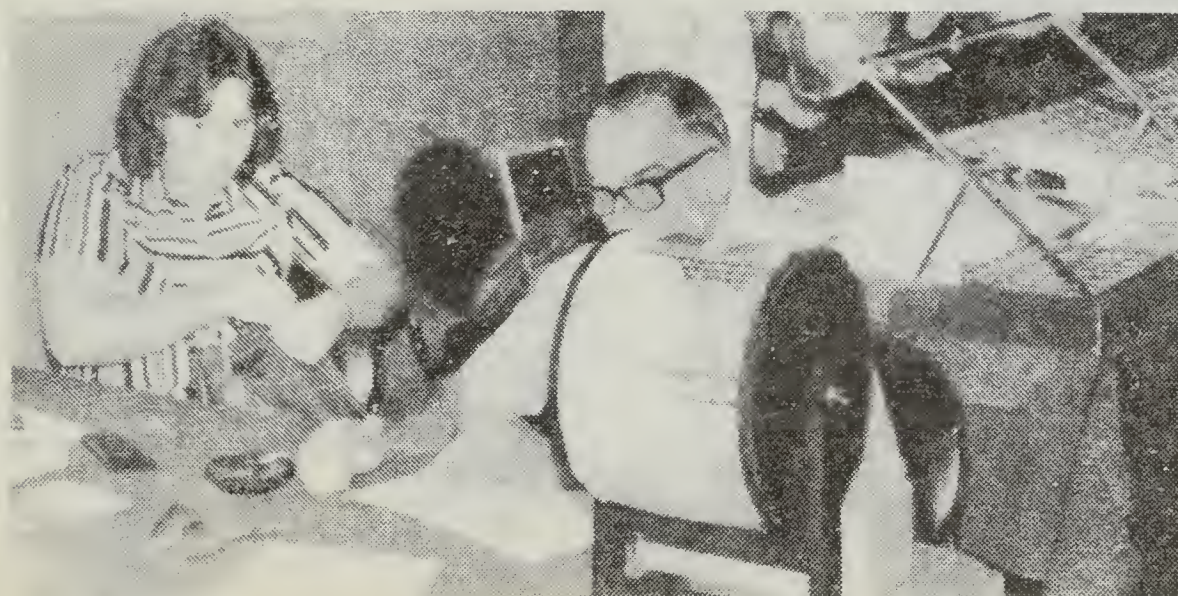
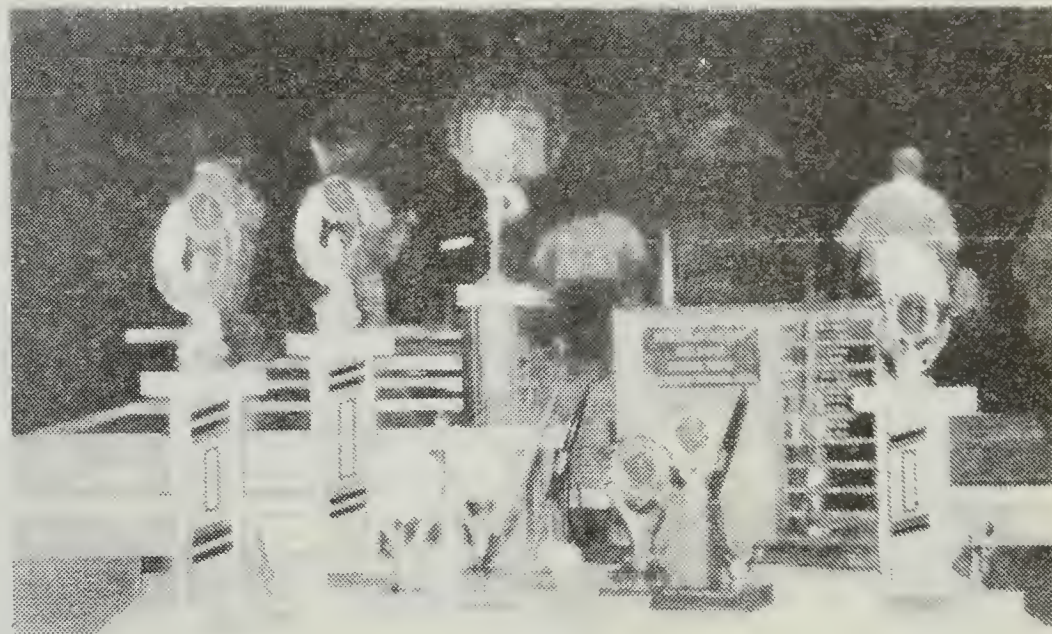




Fond du Lac show site is new and nice, right near the fairgrounds.

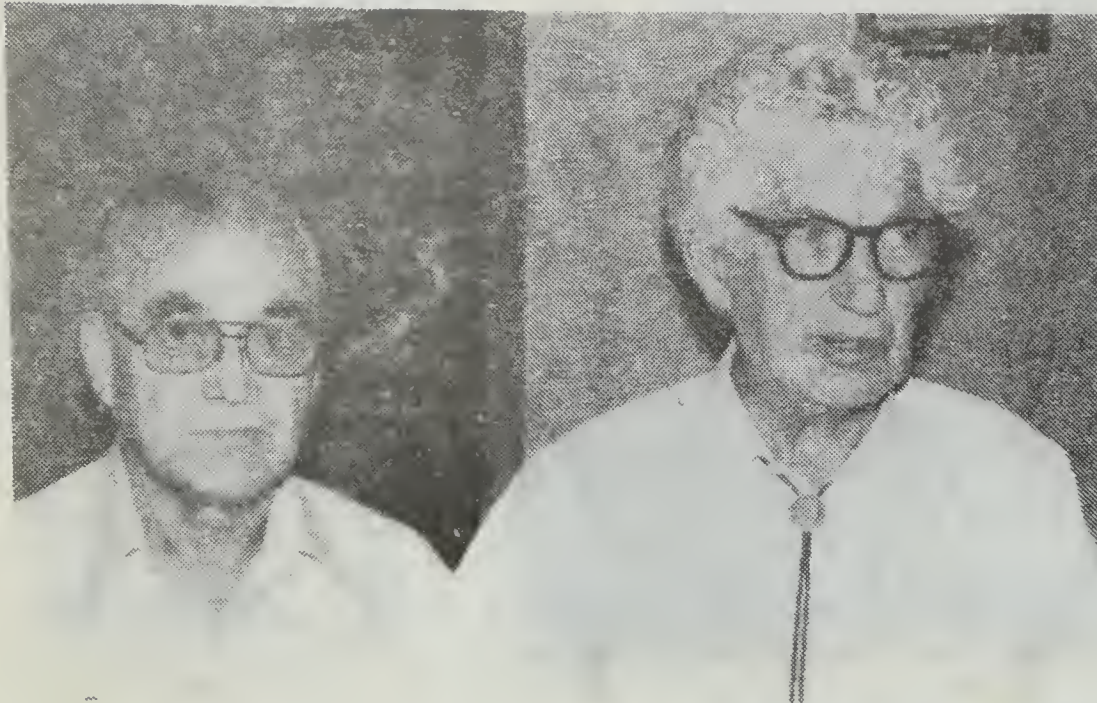
Trophys for exhibitors, not a common sight anymore. Some shows have no exhibits, and those that do, depend on a small handful of displayers.

(Fond Du Lac Show)



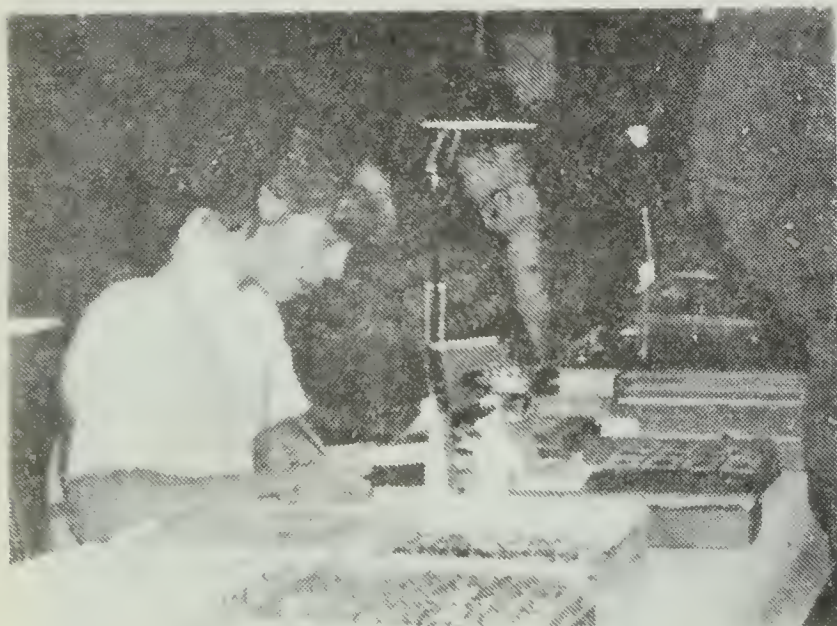
Action at La Crosse, that's Vilas Bonsack behind the ticket vendor. Is that NOW News he's reading?





La Crosse fall show was real nice, club president John Gautsch and bourse boss Virgil Payton posed.

Appleton spring and fall one day shows are held here on Spencer Street. Nice meeting place!



Young Randy Miller has carved himself a piece of the numismatic action as a coin dealer, NOW News writer and nice young man.





Action at Milwaukee, handsome Harry Collins at work, with Cliff Manthe doing the dickering.

Fitting tribute to a fine exhibitor, Mike Trampe presents the Trampe Memorial Award to Vicky Klaush.(Milw.show)



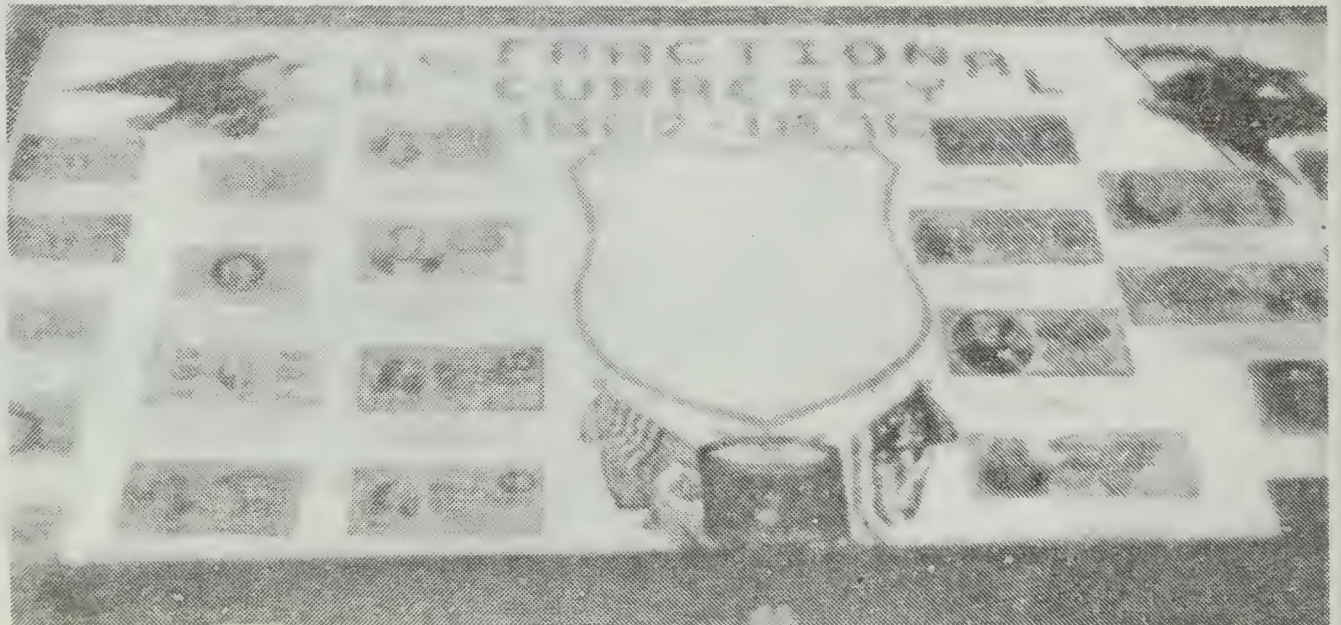
Milw. award winners (l to r) Russ Klaush, Vicky Klaush, Nancy Wilson, John Wilson.





Alioto's of Milwaukee, 75 members and guests gathered for the MNS banquet. The food was great!

A dying art? Nice exhibits are crowd pleasers and an important facet in numismatic recognition!



Wausau coin banquet featured door prize drawings. President Ed Rahn presides.



# YAP STONE MONEY

By Gordon Gill WNW

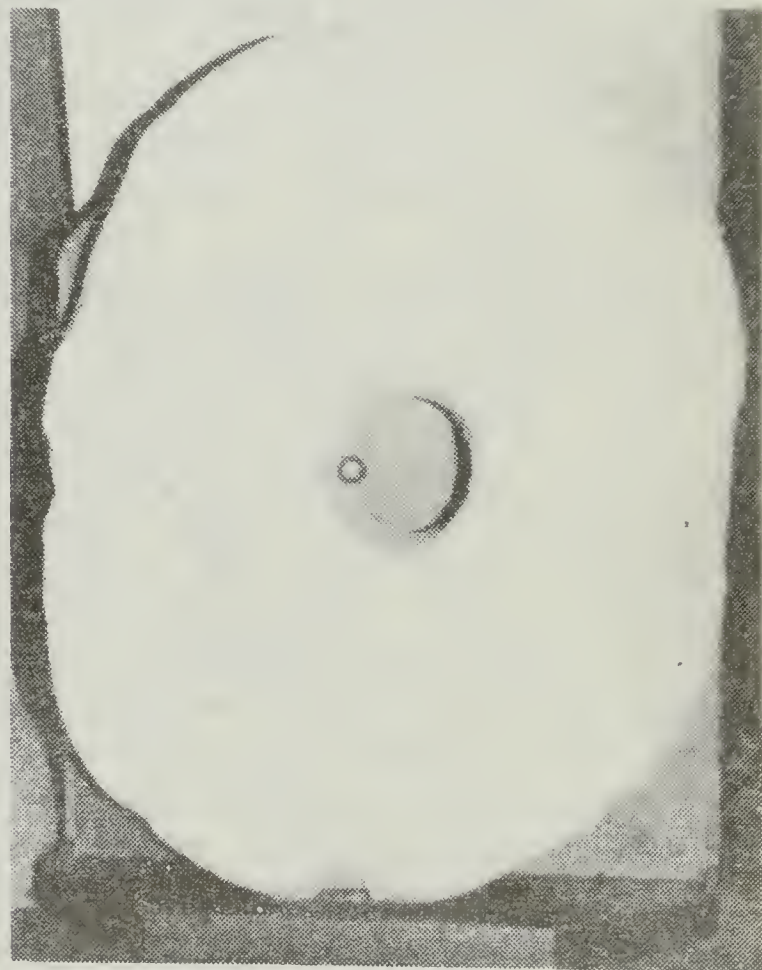
Just a few years ago, Wisconsin Odd and Curious Collectors possessed nine pieces of the stone money of Yap, and tho the owners still have the unusual stone artifacts, all but the two pieces in my collection have left Wisconsin with their owners.

The most notable collection left Wisconsin when Ken Bressett moved to Des Moines to take employment with Kagins. Ken's "collection" consists of six pieces, ranging from a tiny two inch diameter stone, up to an impressive 26 inch stone. All of Ken's Yap stones were imported from the islands by Admiral Oscar Dodsen, past president of A.N.A. Another noteworthy piece is owned by Chuck Opitz, formerly of Milwaukee, but this piece migrated to Florida when Chuck left Wisconsin several years ago.

In 1975 the Smithsonian Institute published a booklet that listed 149 pieces of Yap Stone Money in the hands of collectors and museums around the world, of these, 76 pieces were in the United States.

The Institute listing gives the "pedigree" of each stone, its size, shape, weight, and composition. Sixty four of the 149 stones

are illustrated, and the six inch stone in my collection is listed as number #131. My larger stone, which is oval in shape, 16" by 22½", is not listed in the Smithsonian booklet. This stone was imported by Lieutenant R.F. Gascoigne, who sold it to Curly Mitchells coin shop in San Francisco, from whom I purchased it in 1962.



Earlier, I had tried to buy one of the two Yap Stones in the Reverend Harris estate sale in 1940, but was outbid on both specimens. After failing to obtain one of the Harris stones, I was also unsuccessful in obtaining a Yap Stone owned by Dr. A.M. Rackus of Chicago, before buying the Gascoigne stone from Mitchells Coin Store.

The stone money of the Island of Yap has fascinated collectors of odd and curious media since that group of islands was opened to exploration in the year 1626. The removal of the Yap stones began almost at once, with sailing ships delivering the rare stone money to museums in Europe and Asia, and later to the expanding new world of the Americas. In the early years of more complete historic documentation, around 1840, the stones in the islands were considered rare, and were used only as gifts between chiefs, but advancing mining and manufacture technology by 1865 had reduced the "rarity" to the terminology-"scarce". This was due in large part to the superior quarrying methods of the foreign exploitation. Meanwhile the Yap Islands were diminishing in stature, by 1899 the population had dropped to 7808 and by 1925 when quarrying was drawing to a close, the inhabitants only numbered 4401. Plague and pestilence brought by visitors to the Island Chain contributed to the decline.

As the population declined, the number of yap money stones continued to increase in number. By 1929, a Japanese survey of all existing yap money stones in the Island chain gave a count of 13,281 pieces. The Japanese were occupying the Islands

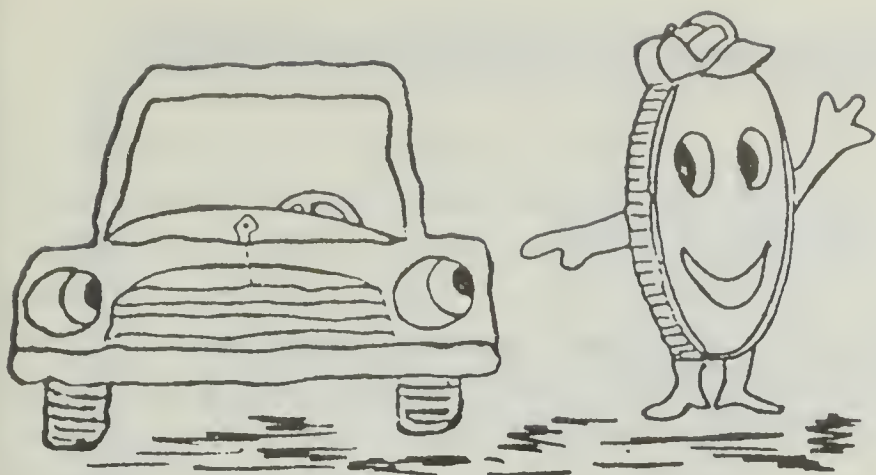
at the time, and this number of stones was perhaps near maximum, since quarrying ended completely in 1931. When war came to the Yap Islands in 1941, many of these historic money stones were destroyed, some broken, some smashed, used as anchors, or demolished as waterfront rip rap. In 1965, a survey estimated the 13,281 money stones had been reduced to about 6,000 pieces on the islands.

By 1965, the Yap Island Congress passed a resolution which created a \$3.70 per inch tax on all stone money removed from the Island, this was later increased, but was hardly a deterrent to stone money exporters.

None of the Bressett stones are listed in the Smithsonian Institute survey, and Ken knows of at least two dozen other pieces that are not listed in the booklet. Using this as a rough guide, it is possible to estimate that about 200 pieces of Yap stone money repose in collections and museums in the United States.

Like many odd and curious media of exchange, the stone money of the Islands of the Yap chain took a strange form, but it was something of value, and perhaps no more strange than some of the recent hedges against inflation that have surfaced in the decade of the 1980s.





## USED CARS AND COINS

By Harry Collins - WNW

Fifty dollars is too much, will you take \$40? How many times have you heard that statement at a coin show, or in a coin shop? I've heard it so many times that I've decided that it's not a bad policy!

With all the talk about grading by professional numismatists, members of publishing companies, and officials of ANA, maybe it is about time to forget the grades and go to pricing. Isn't this the policy with used cars? Let's take this used car example. If your going to buy a used car from a dealer, don't you usually try to get a couple of extra dollars off for not having a trade-in? What about the fact that the used car has a gas guzzling engine, or has stick, and you wanted automatic? Come on and admit it, you know that you have tried to save that extra buck. Have you ever tried it with a coin dealer? I'm sure you have.

Now that you have proposed to buy that item from the coin dealer, do you bother to ask what the grade of the item is? Well, if the dealer has decided to sell you the coin at the price you have offered to pay, wouldn't it seem logical that you and the dealer have agreed on the grade of the coin, or the price, or both? When you have agreed on the price, the price you pay is what you really wanted to spend for the coin, and what difference does the grade make?

Have you ever tried to distinguish the grade of 5 silver dollars of MS60, MS63 MS65, MS67, or MS69? I'm sure you have seen the ads that list these same five graded (correctly, I might add) silver dollars at several hundred dollars difference between qualities. Whose to say that the MS69 you ordered isn't in reality a MS65. Is the difference in grade really that apparent?

Is the problem with grading the collectors, dealers, or the investors fault? Let's take these three "problem" makers and put the pros and cons with each. The collector always wants the best quality for his collection or display, but does he necessarily want to pay for it? Most collectors are hobbyists, or at least they claim to be until they decide to sell, at which point

they still want top buck even though they didn't pay it. True?

On the other hand, the dealer has to advertise, pay rent, traveling expenses heat, lights, gas, etc.. Well, he has to make a buck to survive, but it also isn't fair to buy as AU and sell as 65. Enough said?

Ah-ha, the investor. The rich get richer. Not necessarily true if he is buying overgraded material. But then again, read the fine print on the used car purchase contract. BUYER BEWARE BOUGHT AS IS. Apply this to the investor and let him be on his own. Fair?

Common sense is all that is needed in the coin market. Pay what you feel is comfortable. If the price is to high, shop around. But when is a bargain really a bargain? The late Eddie Collins of Collins Coins in Milwaukee, had a sign that read "Good Coins Are Not Cheap"-"Cheap Coins Are Not Good" which can be applied to the bargains. Once again common cents, but even these are getting scarce.

#### RACINE MEETING PLACE CHANGED

The new meeting place of the Racine Numismatic Society is the Danish Brotherhood building, located at Washington Avenue and Grand Avenue, (across from the City Hall).

#### LA CROSSE BANQUET

The annual banquet of the La Crosse Coin Club was held Feb. 3rd, 1981 at Westview Inn, West Salem, Wisconsin. Guest speaker, Fred Boughton of Winona, Minnesota, spoke on the monetary system. The crowd was large and the food excellent. Members and guests found Mr. Boughton's talk interesting and informative.

#### RACINE HONORS TOP ATTENDERS

Ten members of the Racine Numismatic Society were recently honored for perfect attendance at 1980 club meetings.

Receiving honors were:

Milan Alusic  
Ken Bressett  
Phil Bressett  
Ted Eickner  
Don Frost  
Lincoln Higgie  
Pete Matranga  
Gordon Nelson  
Ray Pawlak  
Mike Strand

#### MNS TO SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society will send a member to the 1981 ANA Summer Seminar at Colorado Springs. Any member of at least 3 years, who has attended 6 meetings in the last year, written an article for the newsletter, worked the fall show, and exhibited at meetings, is eligible.



# RARE COIN INVESTMENT SEMINAR

at

The Neenah N.O.W. Convention

May 9th – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Valley Inn – Neenah

The topics covered will be:

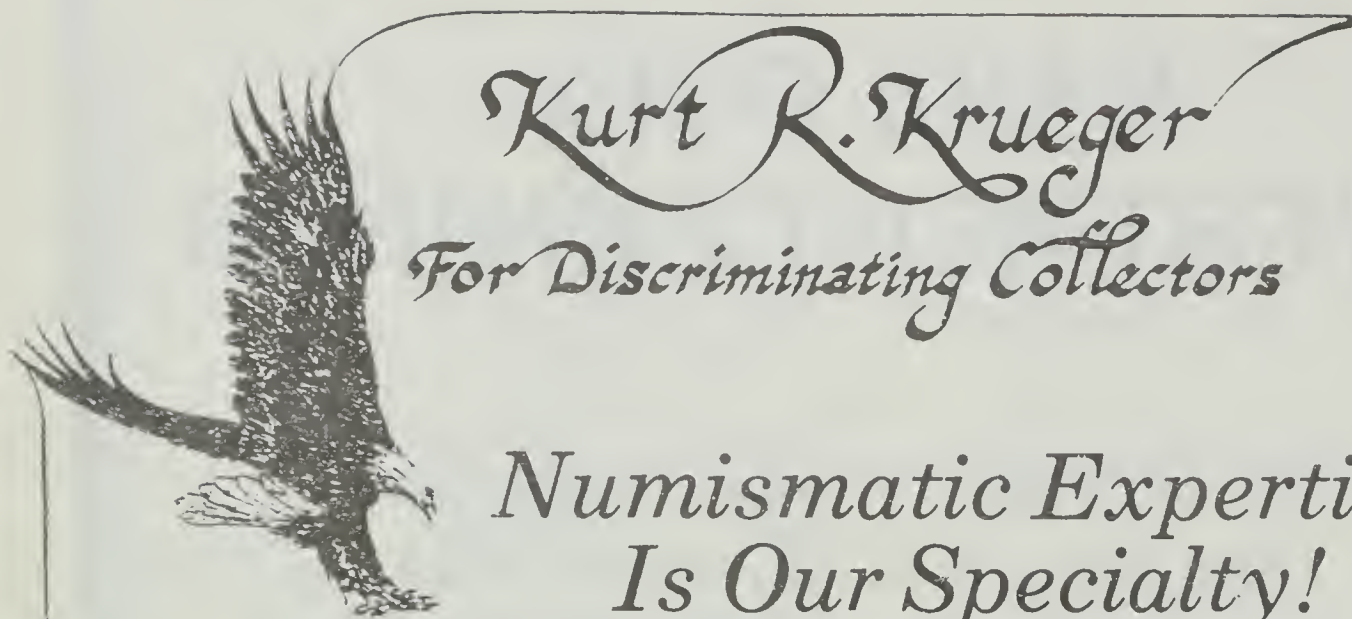
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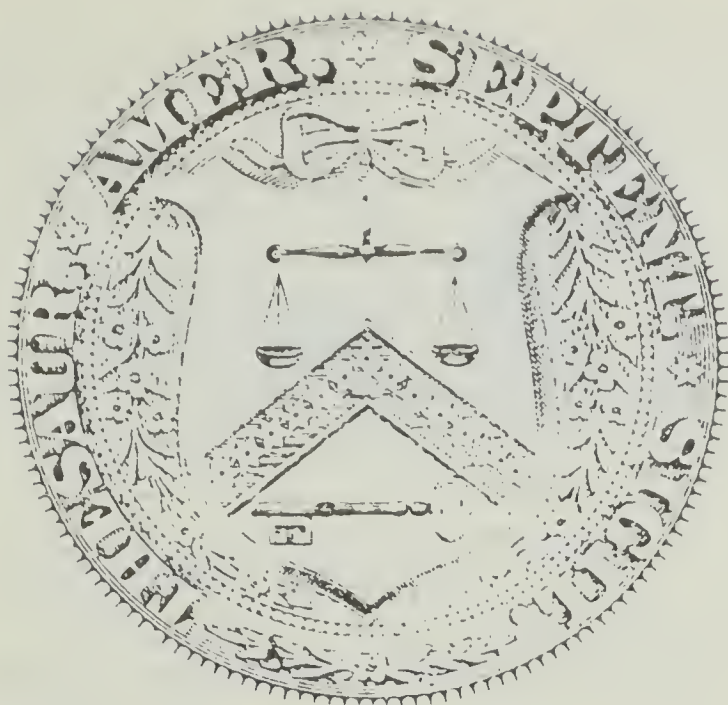
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## THE TREASURY SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES

By John Wilson

The Department of the Treasury has had a variety of seals with the first in 1778 supposedly designed by Governour Morris. It was adopted by the Continental Congress and was used with many changes from 1782 onward.

Shortly after the First Issue of Demand Notes of 1861 came into circulation, Spencer Clark, the Chief Engineer of the small National Note Bureau, was requested by Salmon P. Chase, the Secretary of the Treasury, to design a new Seal for the Department.

Clark had these things to say about his design.... "its interior a facsimilie of the seal adopted by the

Treasury Department for its documents on a ground of geometric lathe work, the exterior being composed of 34 points, similarly executed. The points were designed to be typical of the 34 states, and to simulate the appearance of the seals ordinarily affixed to public documents." Clark preferred not to recognize the secession of 11 states the year before.

The Treasury Seal appears on all notes emanating from the Bureau with the exception of the Demand Notes of 1861 and the first three issues of Fractional Currency.

While the Seal remains uniform in its component parts on old series notes (before 1928), it does appear in a dozen sizes, nine diversified edges, and half a dozen different colored inks, each color with a variegated shade.

The Treasury Seal shows a key as the symbol for safety, scales for equality and justice, and a carpenter's square signifies uprightness. The legend contains four abbreviated words from the Latin: THESAUR, for Thesaurus, a Treasury; AMER. for Americus, the Latin version of America; SEPTENT, for Septentrio, of the North; and SIGIL., abbreviation for Sigillum, a seal. Thus the legend means "The Seal



of the Treasury of North America."

On United States Large Size Currency, you will find some 14 different Seals, varying in sizes, in edging, and in minor design.

Since the Treasury Seal is the Government's final stamp of approval on its currency, knowledge of this certification mark certainly falls within the "interest segment" of the paper money collector.

## PLAN AHEAD!

LOCAL SHOW CO-ORDINATOR

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NOW Will Help!

### AUCTION SCRATCHED

### SEMINAR REPLACEMENT

The Mark Ferguson auction planned in conjunction with NEENAH-MENASHA NOW has been cancelled for lack of interest. An "Investment Seminar" has been scheduled instead. For details, see the Ferguson ad on page 19 in this issue.

### WHY COLLECT-1935 VERSION

The worlds foremost physicians and nerve specialists advise the "riding of a hobby" for health and happiness. A safety valve to modern man's hurried existence. A veritable fountain of youth.

R.A. Wilson price list. 1935

### News From ANA Library

The American Numismatic Association library has a new "tool" available to numismatic students, researchers and writers.

Through the generosity of Chester Krause and the publishing firm bearing his name, there is a single index of the first 91 volumes, 1888-1978 incl., of The Numismatist. The 204-page, paper-cover index is the same size as The Numismatist with a distinctively colored cover.

The ninety-year body of numismatic knowledge published by ANA was broken down into 64 broad categories listed on a table of contents page. Individual listings are largely by main subject rather than by titles of the articles, and some of them are cross-indexed. It is now available from the ANA librarian at \$4.95 postpaid.



## N.O.W. SCHOLARSHIP



Our 1980 fall show was a complete success. All 23 dealers were busy buying and selling all day. The Janesville Coin Club shows have become very popular with dealers and collectors alike.

Effective with our fall show, Oct. 25, 1981, we are moving back to the Craig Center at the 4-H Fairgrounds. With space for over 40 dealers, this will allow us to accommodate the dealers we have had to turn away (regretably) in the past. I urge all persons who wish to set up at the fall show to please contact me as soon as possible.

P.S. Our spring show (April 26) will be graced by a brave dealer all the way from CHEYENNE, WYO.

Jerry Crain

If your club does not publish a newsletter, we depend on your letters to keep NOW NEWS in touch. Send in your club news!

A fully paid travel, lodging and tuition scholarship will be granted to a Wisconsin collector. The collector must be a member of a member club of the state organization. The scholarship recipient is entitled to attend the 1981 Summer Seminar, conducted by the American Numismatic Association. The seminar will be held at Colorado Springs, Colorado during the week of July 5 - July 11.

The applicant must have a nomination from his coin club. Along with the club nomination, the applicant must submit a capsule review of the qualifications he or she has. Immediate and long term contributions to the hobby will be considered. Other determining factors include participation on club and committee activities, exhibiting, talking, and writing on Numismatics, and overall character.

The club may send in as many applications as it has members. The deadline for applications is May 1, 1981. All applications, along with club nominations, should be sent to:

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Waukesha Coin Club  
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3385 Hidden Hills Dr.  
Brookfield, Wis. 53005

April 12 EAU CLAIRE

Chippewa Valley Coin Club  
Holiday Inn  
Jerome Tillung  
817 Morningstar Dr.  
Eau Claire, Wis. 54701

April 26 SHEBOYGAN

Silver Dollar Coin Club  
Standard Hall  
P.O. Box 907  
Sheboygan, Wis. 53081

May 3 OSHKOSH

Oshkosh Coin Club  
Park Plaza Mall  
Irene Blanchette  
1356 Winnebago Ave.  
Oshkosh, Wis. 54901

May 9-10 NEENAH-MENASHA

Fox Valley Coin Club - NOW  
Valley Inn - Neenah  
Avenue Coins - J. Pankratz  
229 E. College Ave.  
Appleton, Wis. 54911

May 17 TOMAH

Tomah Coin Club  
Holiday Inn - Hwy. 21-94  
William Rabe  
Rt. 4, Tomah, Wis. 54660

September 27 FOND DU LAC

Fond du Lac Coin Club  
American Legion Club House  
500 Fond du Lac Ave.  
P.O. Box 952  
Fond du Lac, Wis. 54935

October 2-4 MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee Numismatic Society  
Mecca (Downtown)  
A.P. Bertschy  
3939 N. Murray Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53211

October 11 OCONOMOWOC

Cooney Numismatists  
Community Center  
P.O. Box 624  
Oconomowoc, Wis. 53066

October 25 JANESVILLE

Janesville Coin Club  
Craig Center 4-H Fairgrounds  
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1319 N. Pontiac Dr.  
Janesville, Wis. 53545

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## General Membership Meeting Notice

In accordance with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Numismatists of Wisconsin, there will be a general membership meeting of the Numismatists of Wisconsin at the 21st Annual Convention of the Numismatists of Wisconsin. I urge all NOW members to attend this meeting and give us your vitally needed input. The meeting will be held at the Valley Inn in Neenah, Wisconsin, at 10:30 A.M., Sunday, May 10, 1981.

### WNWA PROFILE

One of the newest members of the Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association, (WNWA), is Robert R. Van Ryzin of Oshkosh. Bob has been collecting coins for 5 years while attending to his secondary education at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (BS Degree), and is now working on a Masters Degree in history at the same school. Bob's heady writings include topics like: "Banking in Territorial Wisconsin", "The Free Silver Movement of the Late 19th Century", and "The Founding of the U.S. Mint". Bob Van Ryzin plans a career in Numismatics upon graduation, and a continuation of his research and writing in the field. Good news for the hobby!

### ARTHUR F. GIERE

Longtime collector, Arthur Giere of Galesville, passed away Nov. 27th, 1980. Giere was a charter member of N.O.W. and also wrote as a member of the Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association for N.O.W. News. A kind and gentle person, his loss diminishes us all. He was 95 years of age.

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